



Clare County

4-H Family News

JUNE 2021

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

As we begin the summer, I am happy to report that we are starting to transition back to in person 4-H! While staff and volunteers have to go through a process to get approval to do face to face meetings, programs, etc., I am confident that we will be able to get back to doing some of the in person 4-H things that we normally do each summer.

For the remainder of the program year, which runs through August, tentatively, Youth Leadership Council and overall 4-H Council meetings will be held in person, along with a Zoom option to attend. Please see the calendar on page 4 for more details. Plan to meet outdoors for these meetings and *bring a lawn chair with you!* In case of bad weather, meetings will be held indoors. We will continue to follow the [MSU Community Compact](#) for all 4-H organized things.

For clubs wanting to meet in person, club leaders need to go through the [process to request](#) to have meetings. Youth learn many things from attending club meetings and it is important to continue to have them, especially as we are in the very busy season of 4-H.

Along with the Council and Youth Leadership Council, I am working towards planning 4-H things for the Fair. More details will come as I go through the process to request to do these in person things, however, tentatively plan to look for more details regarding the Milk Booth, Cloverbud Show, 4-H Fun Night and more.

The [Flower Pot Contest](#) and [Club Poster Contest](#) are back this year! These make great activities for club meetings! Entries for these contests are turned in on Monday of Fair. The Flower Pot Contest is open to youth and any adults with a connection to 4-H!

The MSU Extension Office is beginning to open more this month. Please see the June office hours to the right. I plan to be in the office on Tuesdays this month. If you need anything from the office, including copies of [record books](#), showmanship manuals, or anything else, please let me know!

Alex Schunk

4-H Program Coordinator

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Closed 12pm-1pm for lunch
Wed.-Fri by Appointment

Staff are working remotely and can be contacted by phone or email. Office calls are being forwarded to staff.



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**Capture What's
Great in the
Midwest States 4-H
Photography
Challenge**



Minnesota 4-H is excited to offer another photography challenge to Midwest youth in grades K-13. In this challenge, youth are encouraged to highlight something that stands out about their town, county, state or travels to another Midwest state. There are a lot of hidden gems around the Midwest so get out and capture them!

Submitted photos will be displayed in a slideshow. Volunteer photography judges will provide feedback and recognize the top quality images. All participants will have their names entered in a random drawing for prizes.

Youth can submit up to three (3) images by 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021. Find more information at z.umn.edu/midwest-states-photo-challenge.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 5, 12 and 19: 4-H League of Clovers—Magic Gathering Tournament

Online

The Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society is hosting a virtual Magic: The Gathering multi-day event. Participants will meet via Zoom each of the three days to test their mettle against other players. Register by June 2.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-league-of-clovers-live-magic-the-gathering

June 12—13: 4-H Youth Virtual Fishing Derby

Online

Michigan 4-H is proud to partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a statewide virtual fishing derby during Free Fishing Weekend. Youth ages 5-19 will complete virtual fishing challenges and submit entries through the GooseChase app to earn prizes.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-virtual-fishing-derby

June 12: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening

Online

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this new online series! This session will focus on taking growing to new heights.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-june-12

June 21: Michigan 4-H and FFA Virtual Livestock Judging Contest

Online

The 2021 Michigan 4-H and FFA Virtual Livestock Judging Contest is designed to help contestants enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision making skills.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-michigan-4-h-and-ffa-virtual-livestock-judging-contest

June 30: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Jalapeno Cheese Dip

Online

In this 4-H in the Kitchen adventure, learn how to make a special jalapeno cheese dip that is very popular around the MSU campus. Attendees will also learn about the science behind jalapenos.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-jalapeno-cheese-dip

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

MSU Extension resumes limited 4-H face-to-face programming

Over the past several months, MSU Extension has been working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming during the current public health crisis. Thanks to the thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by MSU Extension professionals, we are excited to share that MSU Extension will resume hosting face-to-face programs and events that adhere to public health guidelines.

As of May 17, Michigan 4-H professionals and volunteers may submit a request to host an in-person event that follows specific guidelines and requirements. The health and safety of program participants and volunteers, as well as their families and our staff, remains the top priority. All guidelines outlined by MSU Extension are based on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) (MDHHS), and the [MSU Community Compact](#) and *must be followed closely*.

As we begin expanding our in-person offerings, communication, transparency and collaboration are essential for the safety and well-being of all parties. MSU Extension expectations regarding programming and events will remain fluid and subject to change at any time based on evolving guidance from the CDC, MDHHS and the MSU Community Compact. Groups should continue to provide options (including virtual) for participation to ensure all participants can remain involved given their individual circumstances.

To learn more about face-to-face program requirements and how to submit your request, please visit the Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 website at extension.msu.edu/approved-activities.

It has been many months since the COVID-19 pandemic landed at our doorsteps. We appreciate the resiliency and commitment that our 4-H'ers have shown during this time. We have witnessed countless examples of 4-H youth and volunteers stepping up and helping their communities, their neighbors, and families. This exemplifies the spirit of the 4-H pledge. While we were glad to continue learning and growing with you virtually through this time, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to reengage in more in-person programming while continuing to protect one another and the public health.

Join the 4-H Summer of Service and dare to serve in your community!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This summer, you're invited to join Michigan 4-H and Learning to Give for the #4HDARETOSERVE project and the 4-H Summer of Service. 4-H DARES you to give back to your community and unite with other 4-H'ers to make a collective impact.

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more! Through the partnership with Learning to Give, youth can gain access to all the tools needed for simple, safe service. Find a project that fits your desire to serve.

The summer of service runs through August 30 and Michigan 4-H hopes to obtain 100% participation from all 83 counties. Learn more and register your project at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/community-service-learning/dare-to-serve-challenge>.

Join the Virtual Fishing Derby!



It's time to go Fishin' in Michigan! Michigan 4-H is proud to partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to offer A FREE a statewide virtual fishing derby on [Free Fishing Weekend](#), June 12-13. Youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to share their fish stories with youth across the state!

Fishing derbies are a great way to build angling skills, increase confidence, learn angler ethics, and have fun! Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

During the fishing derby, youth will complete virtual fishing challenges and submit entries through the GooseChase app, with points awarded for each mission that is completed. Top participants will be eligible for prizes or certificates.

Learn more and register for the derby at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-virtual-fishing-derby>.



Youth:

Logan Young
Colton Crawford
Wesley Stillion
Katherine Eberhart
Katie Sheldon
Nichalos Spivey
Havyn Willford
Jennifer Dietsch
Jayden Stillion
Avery Cook
Grace Taylor
Sam Merillat
Eli Young
James Brown
Emma Dillon
Jeffrey Brown
Kara Forsberg
Malachi Bear
Kyle Koch
Tucker Ogg
Mariah DeGeer
Mallorie Louch
Lincoln Stoike

Volunteers:

Michelle Krell
Lynnette Sheldon
Carrie Whitaker
M Charles Kinberg
Lehann Scott
Jody Zelt

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

9: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, Mid Michigan College-Outdoor Education Center, Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95089557073> Password: youth Theme: Dress as or wear something with your favorite animal on it.

13: National Children's Day GooseChase, <https://events.anr.msu.edu/childrensday/>

23: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, Mid Michigan College-Outdoor Education Center, Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95642790600> Password: council

JULY

14: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, Clare County Fairgrounds, Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95089557073> Password: youth Theme: TBD

21: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, Clare County Fairgrounds, Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94879807064> Password: council

26-31: Clare County Fair - more details to come about 4-H things happening at the Fair!

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Flower & Plant Sale

Thank you to everyone that promoted and bought from the Flower & Plant Sale fundraiser! Thank you to Donna Thompson, Lynnette & Katie Sheldon, Jane Zdrojewski, and Morgan and Kevin for helping unload the truck, sort plants and distribute them to buyers! Congratulations to the Busy Bunny Raisers club for selling the most flowers and plants! Their club will be awarded a \$50 gift card to the pizza place of their choice to throw a pizza party with the club!

Garden Keepers Needed

Volunteers are needed all throughout the summer to help water and weed the flowerbeds and containers at the 4-H Foodstand, MSU Extension Building, and Milk Booth at the Fairgrounds. Bring your own tools (bucket, garden hose, etc.). To sign up, email Alex (schunkal@msu.edu) with the week you or your family would like to volunteer. Week is measured from Monday to Sunday. Volunteers are needed through mid September and gardens should be cared for at least once a week based on the weather forecast.

Adopt-A-Forest

As of May 3, 2021, there are 678 identified illegal dumpsites on public land in Michigan - many of which are in Clare and Gladwin counties! Adopt-a-Forest has been working to clean up Michigan's public lands for over 30 years and your help is needed! Check out this [recent article](#) detailing the problem. *If this is something your club is interested in doing as a community service project this summer or early fall, club leaders, please let Alex know.* This can also get our county credit for the [Dare to Serve Challenge](#) and your club can get it's [Honor Club](#) point for community service!

Clare County Fair News

- Fair Dates: July 26-31, Theme: Beach
- Fair forms are due Saturday, June 26. Anyone that needs help filling fair forms out or needs printed copies, contact Donna in the Fair Office.
- Remaining campsite deposits are due by July 17.

Contact the Fair Office at 989-539-9011 if you have any question regarding Fair things.



CLARE COUNTY 4-H 2021 GRADUATING SENIORS



Bailey
Clare High School
7 Years as a 4-H Member



Cameron
Farwell High School
12 Years as a 4-H Member



Emma
Clare High School
4 Years as a 4-H Member



Rebecca
Great Lakes Learning Academy
13 Years as a 4-H Member



Sydney
Clare High School
7 Years as a 4-H Member



Congratulations to all the Clare County 4-H members graduating high school in the class of 2021!!

Each year the Clare County 4-H Council awards \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors within the county 4-H program.

Each applicant was interviewed by a panel of judges that determined who the recipients were by their level of involvement in the 4-H program, how they gained their leadership skills, how they have applied the four “H”es (head, heart, hands and health) throughout their 4-H experience, plus many other factors. This year’s interviewers were Chris Pellerito from Mid Michigan College, Judy Wagley from WCMU Public Radio and Melissa Preston, 4-H Program Coordinator in Gladwin County.

The 2021 Clare County 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship recipients are Bailey Taylor and Rebecca Jehnzen. Congratulations!!

Bailey is graduating from Clare High School and has been a 4-H member for seven years as part of the Kountry Kidz club. Bailey has been involved in swine projects during her time in 4-H and is known as a true leader by her club leader.

She plans to attend college and have a career in the healthcare field.

Rebecca will be graduating from Great Lakes Learning Academy and has been a part of many 4-H projects and activities, including being the Secretary of her 4-H club, Bouncing Bunnies Galloping Goats. Rebecca has been a 4-H member for 13 years and plans to study Criminal Justice and become a police officer in the future.

Wildflower Garden Kit

Celebrate National Pollinator Week, June 21-27, by planting a pollinator garden!

FREE FOR YOUTH AGE 5 TO 19 (AGE AS OF 1/1/21)

**PICK UP KIT AT THE CLARE COUNTY MSU EXTENSION
OFFICE IN MID JUNE.**

**SPACE IS LIMITED. FOR DIRECTIONS TO REGISTER,
EMAIL [SCHUNKAL@MSU.EDU](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu)**

Supported by Clare Conservation District, Michigan DNR, Huron Pines AmeriCorps & Pheasants Forever



Plant a wildflower garden and learn about pollinators by registering for this FREE kit! Included in the kit are supplies and directions to make wildflower seed balls, directions to make a bee house, wildflower scavenger hunt activity and more! Registration is filling up quickly for these kits! For directions to register, email Alex with the names of each youth wanting to participate.

National Children's Day

GooseChase Event | JUNE 13



This FREE National Children's Day event is open to families with youths ages 5-10.

(though older children are also welcome to participate.)

Preregistration required. Families will celebrate their children with fun outdoor activities focusing on nature and the great outdoors. Outdoor themed missions will be completed by household teams on the **GooseChase app** and allows teams a chance to win prizes.

Self-paced **GooseChase game** will be open for participation **Sunday, June 13.**

Mission themes: fishing, hiking, camping, water safety, wild flowers, sidewalk chalk art, reading, telling stories, listening, and much more.

PRE-REGISTER

TODAY TO PARTICIPATE

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/childrensday/>



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